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UPDATE

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1. DURING MEETING JUNE 5 OF ARAB DELEGATES TO THE ILO,
MODERATE ARABS, PRINCIPALLY REPS FROM SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT,
AND QATAR, ATTEMPTED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO CONVINCE SYRIA
AND LIBYA TO AGREE TO SOFTEN SUBJECT RESOLUTION. SAUDIS
DID PREVAIL ON SYRIA TO DETERMINE DEGREE OF SUPPORT FOR
RESOLUTION AMONG AFRICAN DELEGATES, ARGUING THAT UNLESS
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THE RESOLUTION COULD BE AT THE TOP OF THE FIVE
IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS, IT WOULD BE A BLOW TO ARAB PRESTIGE.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THE AFRICANS HELD A CAUCUS JUNE 6.
REPORTEDLY THEY AGREED THAT SOME SORT OF RESOLUTION ON
ISRAEL WAS NECESSARY BUT WOULD LIKE TO SEE ONE THAT DID
NOT CONTINUE THE 1974 RESOLUTION FOR ANOTHER FIVE YEARS.

THEY APPARENTLY HAVE APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO REDRAFT THE RESOLUTION CONSISTING OF TUNISIA, SOMALIA, SENEGAL AND ZAMBIA.

3. SENEGALESE CHARGE CALLED ON MISSION DCM PRIOR TO AFRICAN CAUCUS, SEEKING U.S. VIEWS ON THE RESOLUTION. DCM STRESSED OUR VIEW THAT ANY RESOLUTION SHOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACCEPTED ILO PROCEDURES AND THE DUE PROCESS MACHINERY.

4. CONCERNING REF B, RELIABLE SOURCES HAVE INFORMED MISSION THAT EGYPTIAN REP EL IBRASHI HAS BEEN, AMONG THE ARABS, A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE SYRIAN-LIBYAN RESOLUTION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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